

PROVIDER ALERT

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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES
General Assistance Behavioral Health Program (GABHP)

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Transition of ASO Operations

In October of 2004, DMHAS released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Administrative Services Organization (ASO) that could assume responsibility for the integrated performance of critical functions in support of the General Assistance Behavioral Health Program (GABHP). After thorough review and evaluation of all proposals received in response to this RFP, DMHAS awarded the ASO contract to Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc. (ABH). This contract will begin July 1, 2005 and will enable DMHAS to further enhance access and outcomes for GA clients through integrated administrative and management services. The goal of this restructuring of the GABHP is to continue to ensure high quality, accessible, cost-effective services that improve the quality of life for those served.

Currently, ABH is implementing a comprehensive plan that will ensure a seamless transition of services to GABHP recipients starting on July 1st of this year. ABH is working in conjunction with DMHAS GA staff to review, update, and operationalize GA programs, policies, and manuals. The ABH transition team is also responsible for implementation of utilization management, claims, and information systems.

In order to keep you updated on changes that will affect you as a GABHP Provider, new information will be reported on the DMHAS and ABH website, through Provider Alerts, and in Provider Forums. The first in a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be released by April 1, 2005.

If you would like to submit questions or request email notification of updates, please correspond via email to GATransition@abhct.com.